

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the paragraph (Abstract) beginning at page 30, line 2 with the following rewritten version:

ABSTRACT

An equipment cost estimate calculation program or system having an input prompt, ~~step~~, a first, second, and third estimated running cost ~~calculation steps~~ calculations, a no-maintenance action total cost estimate calculation ~~step~~, a maintenance or other action total cost estimate calculation ~~step~~, a new-equipment installation total cost estimate calculation ~~step~~, and an output ~~step~~. In the estimated running cost ~~calculation steps~~ calculations, performance data is used to calculate running cost estimates. The no-maintenance action total cost estimate is calculated from the first running cost estimate, and the maintenance or other action total cost estimate value is calculated from the second running cost estimate and the maintenance or other action cost data. The new-equipment installation total cost estimate is calculated from the third running cost estimate and the new-equipment installation cost data. In the output ~~step~~, the no-maintenance action total cost estimate, the maintenance or other action total cost estimate, and the new-equipment installation total cost estimate are output.